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## FACTS

### CONCERNING THE STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

This is the only State institution for the care of the dependent, neglected and maltreated children of Colorado.

It is supported by State appropriation.

No church collections are solicited.

No county or individual contributions received.

The members of the Board of Control serve without compensation.

"The said Board are hereby made the legal guardians of the persons and estates of all children admitted to said Home pursuant to law, which guardianship shall continue during the minority of such children, except in the cases where, under this act, the guardianship may be cancelled by resolution adopted by said Board." (From section 5 of chapter 26, Session Laws, 1895.)

The State agent receives no commission on children received, or on those placed in private homes.

Parents are not encouraged to part with their children.

It is not the aim to make institutional children.

There are desirable children now in the Home to be placed in good families upon adoption or indenture.

The State does not pay the court and other expenses for adoption or indenture papers.

The children are all committed by the County Courts of the various counties of the State.

The county pays the court costs and the expense of transportation for the children to the Home.

For placing a child no remuneration is required or received of the counties or individuals who are charitably disposed.

According to chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895, all children free from chronic or contagious disease, who are dependent upon the public for support, and those who are neglected, maltreated or in evil environments, are eligible; and it is unlawful to do other than commit all such to the State Home.

Before contributing to the support of private societies and institutions, ascertain how many of their children may be classed as above.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Office of the State Home for Dependent  
and Neglected Children,  
December 1, 1904.

To His Excellency,  
JAMES H. PEABODY,  
Governor of Colorado.

Sir—We have the honor to transmit to you the fifth biennial  
report of the Superintendent of the State Home for Dependent  
and Neglected Children, covering the two fiscal years ending,  
respectively, November 30, 1903, and November 30, 1904.

BOARD OF CONTROL,  
Per Dora E. Reynolds, President.

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DOMESTIC BUILDING.

FIFTH BIENNIAL REPORT  
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COLORADO STATE HOME  
FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED  
CHILDREN

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The fifth biennial report of the Superintendent of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, which I have the honor to present, covers the period beginning December 1, 1902, and ending November 30, 1904.

It is an established custom, in writing reports, to defer giving "thanks" and making "acknowledgments" to those who have made success possible, until all other subjects have been exhausted.

Permit me in the beginning to thank each member of the Board of Control for the most kindly consideration in all matters connected with the Home. We appreciate the act of the Fourteenth General Assembly which so liberally granted appropriations, making it possible to carry out the plans and wishes of those having the care and custody of the dependent children of the State. The interest of the members and officers of the State Board of Charities and Corrections has been appreciated. The physicians on the visiting staff have been most faithful in every duty devolving upon them. The members of the consulting staff have always been ready and willing to administer to those in need of their services. The employes have been earnest and faithful supporters. The Sabbath school has received its help from the professors and students of the Denver University, and

from ministers and teachers of the churches in South Denver. Business firms, children of public schools and individuals have in many ways added to the happiness and welfare of the children. The railroad companies extended courtesies which materially aided with the State agency work. The newspapers have given kindly consideration. Musicians and others have pleasantly entertained; to all we say from the heart, thank you.

This has been the most interesting period in the history of the Home. First, owing to the removal from overcrowded, rented quarters one month previous to the beginning of the biennial term, into tents erected on the forty acres of ground in South Denver recently purchased by the Board. These, with the stone residences already on the premises, furnishing shelter until the new buildings were erected. Second, on account of the erection and completion of five buildings, four of which are built of gray pressed brick, and one, the laundry and boiler house, of common red brick. The work was instituted August 31, 1903, and all buildings were completed and occupied by June 23, 1904.

The school building, 35 x 74 feet, is a two-story structure, containing two rooms on the first floor and two on the second, each 27 x 33 feet. A space 16 feet in width is taken in the center of the building both above and below for hall and stairway. In three rooms slate black boards are placed. In the basement are two finished rooms, 25 x 26 feet, suitable for school purposes. Cost, \$12,762.75.

The domestic building is 60 x 80 feet, two-story, with finished basement. On the first floor are the kitchen, pantry, cold storage, dining room for employes and children's dining room. The latter is 30 x 57 feet. On the second floor are six small bed rooms and one bath room for employes, and a nursery dormitory, 26 x 34 feet, with a bath room. The basement contains the pastry kitchen, vegetable, coal and milk rooms. Cost, \$14,121.45.

The laundry and boiler house is 35 x 48 feet. The location is such as to permit entrance to the laundry department, which occupies the second floor, by an approach with a very slight incline. As there are no steam appliances, owing to lack of funds, all work is done by hand. The first floor space is large enough for three steam boilers for the heating plant. A Heine boiler is installed, which furnishes steam heat and hot water for all the new buildings. Cost, \$7,387.20.

The conduit, with the pipes necessary to transmit the steam to the various buildings, cost \$2,495.43.

The boys' cottage is two-story, with basement. The latter contains a large play room for the older boys, a smaller one for the younger boys, a lavatory, four shower baths, toilet and store room. The first floor has the room, 26 x 42 feet, for quiet recreation, the reading room, matron's room, boys' small bed room and matron's work room. On the second floor are found the dormitory, 26 x 42 feet, the lavatory, bath, toilet, dressing room, locker room, matron's room and a detention room. The attic is suitable



BOYS' COTTAGE.

for storage. On account of having two large families of boys, and only one cottage for them, it was necessary to place one family on the first floor, using the recreation room for a dormitory. Cost, \$12,590.10.

The hospital, 40 x 60 feet, is removed about one block from the other buildings. It is one-story, with four wards, 15 x 15 feet each, diet kitchen, pantry, medicine room, two rooms for nurses, two bath and two toilet rooms, and is so arranged that wards containing patients with diseases which are contagious may be isolated from all others. Cost, \$7,801.50.

It is now almost nine years since the Home opened its doors for the reception of children, which brings it to an age of real productiveness. A number of children have reached their majority and others the stage of self-support. Both are interesting periods in the lives of the young people, as well as in the history of the Home. Of the children under our jurisdiction this period, four girls have become eighteen years of age and are supporting themselves. One of these is working for her board and attending high school. Seven not yet of age are self-supporting. Two who had reached their majority have married since the last biennial report.

The first resolution of the Board of Control declaring boys self-supporting was passed September 14, 1903. This resolution concerned five boys from fourteen to eighteen years of age. Since that date fifteen others have been released by a similar resolution. So far as is known, every one of the twenty are sober and industrious citizens of Colorado. While writing this report one of these stepped into the office, after an absence of three years, dressed in the most genteel style and with refined manners. He is a dry goods clerk in one of the prosperous cities of the State. One is a baker, one a painter and paper hanger, one a gardener, one a cornice maker, two are teamsters, eight, when last heard from, were working on ranches, one is in the U. S. Navy, one is working in a sugar factory, one farming, and two, business unknown. With such results as these, and not forgetting the many who have been adopted and indentured, whose lives are being moulded by good and true foster parents, and considering what these same children might have been had they been left in their former environments, the State is certainly protecting her own future by providing for her dependent children. Fifteen boys and five girls have been returned to their parents. Eight boys and eight girls were returned to counties for various reasons.

In making commitments, the courts are respectfully requested to thoroughly scrutinize every case and prevent able-bodied parents from being relieved of the financial support of their children, even though it be necessary to separate them on account of immorality, evil environments or abuse. The members of the Board of Control greatly desire all eligible children committed to the State Home, where an earnest effort is made to prepare them for suitable private homes, and for good citizenship.

The farm and gardens have been sources of great satisfaction and very helpful. They afforded opportunities for an abundance of work which has been a discipline and an education to the boys. The alfalfa stand was very poor when the property was purchased; about three-fourths of it was reseeded during the spring of 1904, from which there will be a large crop next year. A heavy crop of sugar beets was grown, providing feed for the cows during the winter. In the gardens were cultivated navy beans, lima beans, beets, carrots, cauliflower, cantaloupes, cucumbers, cabbage, sweet corn, pop corn, celery, lettuce, water melons, onions, pumpkins, parsnips, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, peas, radishes, spinach, squash, tomatoes and turnips. The apple crop of 1903 was almost worthless; that of 1904 was estimated about seven tons. The 224 trees were burdened with the finest red fruit.

The hay field, gardens and the orchard have been a delight to all concerned. The flock of pure-white turkeys and full-blooded white Wyandotte chickens are much admired by visitors as well as the Home people. The number of milch cows in 1904 was increased from nine to twelve, one of which was our mascot, photographed and reproduced in the last biennial report. Several head of young stock are developing nicely and are very promising.

Number of gallons of milk produced in 1903, 7,676, at a cost for feed of \$1,013.42, making an average cost per gallon of 13 1-3 cents. Number of gallons of milk produced in 1904, 10,875, at a cost for feed of \$941.88, making an average cost per gallon of 8 2-3 cents. The average cost per gallon for the two years was 11 cents. Previous to having our own cows, the lowest purchase price ever given for milk was 15 cents per gallon, 4 cents more than the cost of home production, thus saving the State in two years, at the very lowest estimate, \$742.61.

One of the prime objects in having a farm was to give the children opportunities to work. In this there has been no disappointment. The boys were kept busy during the whole garden season planting and cultivating and assisting in the care of the lawns. In the fall the vegetables were gathered and stored for the winter. Several of the smaller boys were the most enthusiastic workers. The large boys were interested in the cows and did the milking. The girls were kept busy repairing their clothing, sweeping and scrubbing in the administration building and in the nursery, waiting on the table, assisting in the laundry and kitchen, and helping the boys' managers with patching and darning. These duties, in addition to the regular school work, kept the children employed.

Our school was awarded a silver medal upon the exhibit sent to the World's Fair, St. Louis, consisting of sloyd models, needle work, kindergarten work, maps and other drawings, and specimens of regular grade work.

In addition to all the weekly mending, patching and darning accomplished by the matrons, with the assistance of the girls,



new articles were made in the sewing room as follows: 393 night gowns, 70 woolen dresses, 7 woolen waists, 7 woolen skirts, 2 woolen suits, 1 woolen jacket, 92 aprons, 323 cotton dresses, 108 cotton waists, 40 cotton skirts, 293 shirts, 231 sheets, 121 pillow slips, 12 corset covers, 36 damask napkins, 262 children's napkins, 164 infants' napkins, 109 skull caps, 6 baby blankets, 11 sun bonnets, 6 baby hoods, 3 shirt waists, 3 brownie suits, 3 jackets for sick, 36 curtains, 85 tea towels, 47 roller towels, 7 table cloths (hemmed), 7 baby quilts, 12 laundry bags, 13 dresses altered.

To people not very familiar with the life and habits of children's institutions, the only thought is gloom, sadness, unhappiness, and that nothing else is to be found.

So far as the happiness of childhood is concerned, there are few children who have more real childish pleasure than those of this Home. It is true they have no luxuries, but they have the faculty of getting the fun out of a home-made wagon, a string ball, a rag foot ball, a broken tin horn or a stray yellow dog. The legal holidays are observed appropriately. On Thanksgivings, turkey dinners with all the usual attachments have been supplied, much to the delight of the children. On Christmas eve, nuts, candies, oranges and pop corn have been distributed, and each child received, from the Home, two or three simple presents. On July Fourth there have been games of base ball. The last Fourth was the most enjoyed by your Superintendent, who selected a ball nine from the girls, and with some assistance from two of the boys, previously declared self-supporting, won the game from the boys' nine, much to their chagrin. The play grounds are very large, affording space enough for boys of different ages to form their own companies and have such games as each may select. The Sunday school teachers have added greatly to the pleasure of the children by inviting their respective classes to their homes at various times, where a treat was always provided.

The general health of the children has been good, despite the fact of epidemics of measles, chicken pox and tonsilitis. There were 33 cases of measles, 41 of chicken pox, 30 of tonsilitis, 8 of diphtheria, 5 of scarlet fever, 6 of pneumonia, 1 of cerebral meningitis (fatal), 2 typhoid fever (1 fatal), 1 heart trouble (fatal), 1 serious kidney trouble, 3 dislocations and broken bones, and 1 sprain. A number of minor operations were performed in our own hospital, which will insure better health for those operated upon.

#### VISITING STAFF.

Robert S. Allen, M. D., served from January to July, 1903; Wilson C. Birkenmayer, M. D., served from July, 1903, to January, 1904; Robert S. Allen, M. D., served from January to July, 1904; Harry S. Shafer, M. D., served July, August and September; Wilson C. Birkenmayer, M. D., served October, November, and will serve during December, 1904.

## CONSULTING STAFF.

James M. Blaine, M. D., dermatology; Edmund C. Rivers, M. D., ophthalmology; William C. Bane, M. D., laryngology; Charles A. Powers, M. D., general surgery; Howell T. Pershing, M. D., neurology; George B. Packard, M. D., orthopedic surgery; Henry Sewall, M. D., sanitation.

The visits made by the members of the Board of Control have always been looked forward to with pleasure, and have been stimulating in effect. No individual can, by word or deed, give so much help, encouragement and genuine support as the one who is most familiar with the details of the Home life. Several of the members and officers of the State Board of Charities and Corrections have made visits, devoting time enough to each department to become acquainted with its routine and to see the whole family in the daily life. This interest is greatly appreciated. A number of the most interested members of the Fourteenth General Assembly and State officials made visits, and on every hand spoke kindly of affairs concerning the Home. Institutional people from other states called and complimented Colorado on her care of the dependent and neglected children. Representatives of the Denver newspapers made visits, took pictures and wrote interesting stories. The same interest on the part of other State papers would do good.

All citizens and taxpayers are earnestly requested to visit the Home, thereby gaining a more thorough knowledge of how its affairs are conducted.

The State agent's work is one of the most important branches of the Home work. It is he who forms the connecting link between the Home and the private homes where the several hundred children have been placed. He is the true friend of every child under supervision. He listens to the tales of woe as well as the good news, as told by the child and the foster parents. His visits bring him close to the lives of both. Full reports are written and filed and the same are recorded on the individual pages of the register. The children on the visiting list have all been visited at least once each year, and a large number more frequently. Four hundred and eighteen visits have been made to children, and two hundred and twenty-four to applicants. He has accompanied one hundred and seven children to their new homes, traveled by railroad 49,807 miles and 3,724 miles by livery and stage, making a total of 53,531 miles, at an expense of \$1,323.70.

The State agency and other work accomplished during the last two years has taken no little time of the members of the Board of Control. Thirty-one meetings were attended by a quorum, while the law requires only six meetings each biennial period.



The average daily attendance for the biennial period of 1901 and 1902 was 99, and that for the period just closed was 135. As there will be a proportionate increase the coming two years, it is necessary to ask the Fifteenth General Assembly for an appropriation of \$45,000.00 for maintenance.

The building fund was used entirely for buildings, insurance, sewerage and water service, leaving no funds for furniture, repairs and improvements. The furniture in several departments is inadequate. There is no hospital furniture; the administration building is sadly in need of paint and repairs; there is an imperative need of a fire-proof vault for the safe keeping of all records and legal papers; the hay and stock should have suitable shelter; an artesian well and an electric light plant would annually save a large sum of money; the orchard should be enclosed by an eight-foot barbed-wire fence to protect the apple crop from the depredations of outside parties; all the fences greatly need repairing; these, with a large number of other necessary improvements, will require the expenditure of \$25,000.00. An additional sum is much needed for the purpose of erecting more cottages, but the Board of Control deem it wise to first complete the necessary improvements and make repairs and defer the request for an appropriation for buildings.

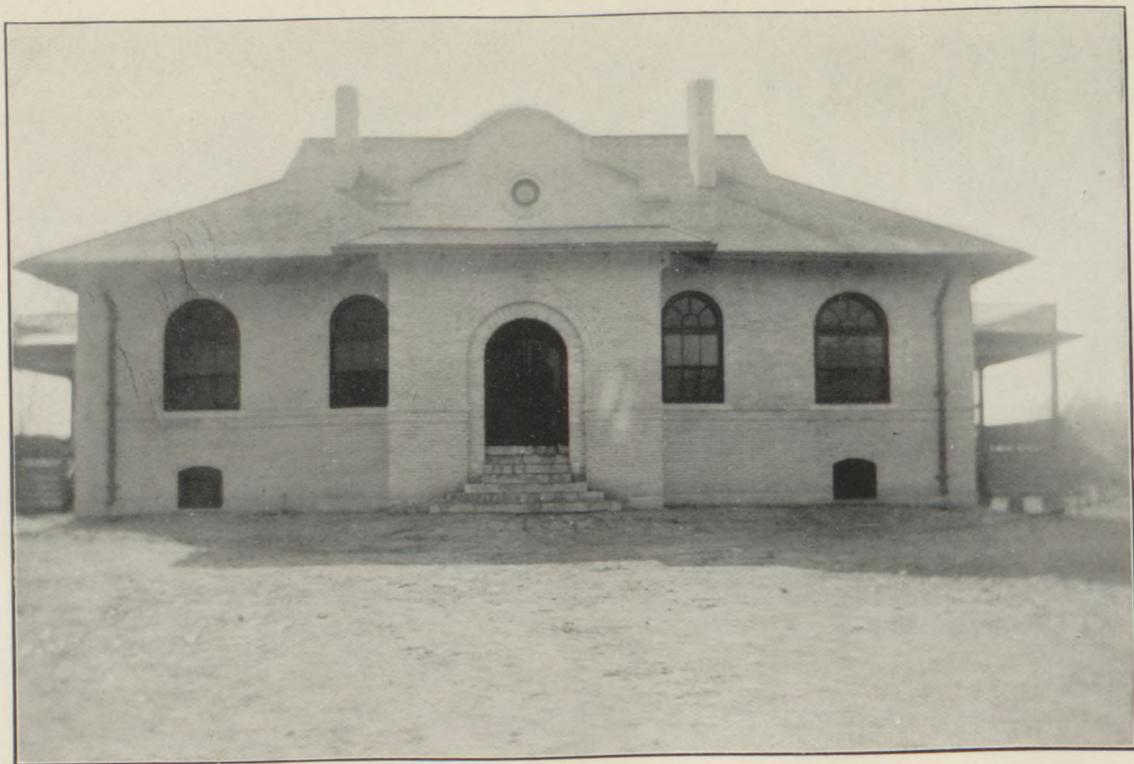
DISBURSEMENTS FOR BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING  
NOVEMBER 30, 1904.

MAINTENANCE FUND.

	1903	1904	Total
Salaries .....	\$ 6,115.50	\$ 6,228.73	\$12,344.23
Provisions .....	5,624.42	4,532.14	10,156.56
Clothing .....	2,132.75	1,249.73	3,382.48
Household furnishings and fixtures.....	705.44	517.16	1,222.60
Light .....	328.75	540.95	869.70
Fuel .....	775.15	1,208.69	1,983.84
State agency .....	736.23	587.47	1,323.70
Drugs and instruments.....	539.18	253.39	792.57
General expense .....	676.99	530.99	1,207.98
Postage .....	68.80	63.00	131.80
School supplies .....	87.32	70.85	158.17
Stationery, printing and office supplies.....	196.66	50.81	247.47
Telephone .....	158.50	100.00	258.50
Insurance .....	212.80	.....	212.80
Laundry .....	648.73	591.52	1,240.25
Water .....	381.41	333.55	714.96
Drayage .....	.50	1.75	2.25
Undertaker .....	27.00	10.00	37.00
Building improvements and repairs.....	364.15	206.77	570.92
Campus improvements .....	46.18	58.58	104.76
Farm and garden.....	189.73	194.21	383.94
Implements and tools.....	223.68	45.34	269.02
Stock .....	198.05	199.20	397.25
Feed .....	987.20	991.72	1,978.92
Buildings (maintenance fund) .....	.....	8.33	8.33
Total .....	\$21,425.12	\$18,574.88	\$40,000.00

BUILDING FUND.

	1903	1904	Total
Insurance .....	\$ 243.00	\$ 850.50	\$ 1,093.50
Building improvements .....	119.39	18.50	137.89
Household furnishings and fixtures.....	.....	27.33	27.33
Buildings .....	14,295.66	44,445.62	58,741.28
Total .....	\$14,658.05	\$45,341.95	\$60,000.00



HOSPITAL.

CASH FUND.			
	1903	1904	Total
Provisions .....		\$ 4.02	\$ 4.02
Household furnishings and fixtures.....		63.27	63.27
Water .....		54.50	54.50
Buildings .....		90.58	90.58
Building improvements and repairs.....		11.87	11.87
Total .....		\$ 224.24	\$ 224.24

The following table will show the work of the two years, respectively:

	Year.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.*
Total enrollment .....	1903	42	24	66
Total enrollment .....	1904	42	36	78
Number adopted .....	1903	6	3	9
Number adopted .....	1904	12	11	23
Number indentured .....	1903	18	21	39
Number indentured .....	1904	17	17	34
Number declared self-supporting.....	1903	8	..	8
Number declared self-supporting.....	1904	12	..	12
Number of children now on trial.....	....	12	22	34
Returned to parents.....	1903	5	1	6
Returned to parents.....	1904	10	4	14
Returned to county.....	1903	2	3	5
Returned to county.....	1904	6	5	11
Committed to other institutions.....	1903	1	2	3
Committed to other institutions.....	1904	..	..	..
Ran away from private homes.....	1903	3	..	3
Ran away from private homes.....	1904	5	..	5
Ran away from institution.....	1903	6	..	6
Ran away from institution.....	1904	4	..	4
Died in institution.....	1903	..	..	..
Died in institution.....	1904	1	..	1
Died in hospital.....	1903	2	..	2
Died in hospital.....	1904	..	..	..
Died in private homes.....	1903	..	..	..
Died in private homes.....	1904	1	..	1
Average age those received .....	1903	8 Yrs.	8 Yrs.	8 Yrs.
Average age those received .....	1904	7½ Yrs.	9 Yrs.	8¼ Yrs.
Average age those adopted .....	1903	8½ Yrs.	8½ Yrs.	8½ Yrs.
Average age those adopted .....	1904	5¾ Yrs.	4¾ Yrs.	5¼ Yrs.
Average age those indentured .....	1903	10½ Yrs.	11 Yrs.	10¾ Yrs.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Average age those indentured .....	1904 12¼ Yrs.	11¾ Yrs.	12 Yrs.
Average age those in Home Nov. 30.....	1903 9½ Yrs.	12 Yrs.	10¾ Yrs.
Average age those in Home Nov. 30.....	1904 10¼ Yrs.	11¼ Yrs.	10¾ Yrs.
Average daily attendance .....	1903 99	30	129
Average daily attendance .....	1904 104	37	141
Present Nov. 30 .....	1903 105	34	139
Present Nov. 30 .....	1904 104	37	141

Combined statistics for the two fiscal years are as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Total number enrolled.....	84	60	144
Number adopted .....	18	14	32
Number indentured .....	25	38	73
Number declared self-supporting .....	20	..	20
Number on trial Nov. 30, 1904.....	12	22	34
Number returned to parents .....	15	5	20
Number returned to county .....	8	8	16
Number committed to other institutions.....	1	2	3
Number ran away from institution .....	10	..	10
Number ran away from private homes .....	8	8	16
Number who died .....	4	..	4
Average age those received .....	7¾ Yrs.	8½ Yrs.	8¾ Yrs.
Average age those adopted .....	7¼ Yrs.	6¾ Yrs.	6 15-16 Yrs.
Average age those indentured .....	11¾ Yrs.	11¾ Yrs.	11¾ Yrs.
Average age those present Nov. 30.....	9¾ Yrs.	11½ Yrs.	10¾ Yrs.
Average daily attendance.....	102	33	135

#### NUMBER OF CHILDREN ENROLLED SINCE OPENING IN MARCH, 1896.

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1896.....	31	21	52
1897.....	31	30	61
1898.....	34	25	59
1899.....	19	15	34
1900.....	30	24	54
1901.....	39	31	70
1902.....	57	24	81
1903.....	42	24	66
1904.....	42	36	78
Total.....	325	230	555



SCHOOL BUILDING.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED SINCE OPENING IN MARCH, 1896.

Year	Adoption		Indenture		Total for Period
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	
1896.....	1	1	1	..	3
1897.....	2	5	4	2	
1898.....	11	16	4	5	49
1899.....	5	6	4	5	
1900.....	5	5	10	10	50
1901.....	3	7	10	18	
1902.....	3	3	24	17	85
1903.....	6	3	18	21	
1904.....	12	11	17	17	105

The following tabulated statement will show the number of children received from and placed in the various counties:

COUNTIES.	Received.					Placed.				
	1903.		1904.		Total.	1903.		1904.		Total.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
Archuleta .....	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Baca .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Bent .....	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Boulder .....	..	1	..	3	4	1	..	1	1	3
Chaffee .....	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clear Creek .....	..	..	3	1	4	1	..	..	1	2
Conejos .....	2	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	2	2
Delta .....	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Denver .....	14	8	18	10	50	11	10	5	5	31
Douglas .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	4
Elbert .....	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	8
El Paso .....	2	..	..	..	2	1	2	4	3	10
Fremont .....	2	..	1	4	7	..	..	..	..	..
Garfield .....	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2
Gilpin .....	2	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Gunnison .....	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	3
Huerfano .....	..	..	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	..
Jefferson .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Lake .....	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2

COUNTIES.	Received.					Placed.				
	1903.		1904.		Total.	1903.		1904.		Total.
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.		Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
La Plata .....	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Larimer .....	3	3	6	4	16	1	..	1	2	4
Las Animas.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	5
Mesa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
Montezuma .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2
Montrose .....	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Morgan .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Otero .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2
Park .....	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Pueblo .....	3	..	5	4	12	..	2	..	1	3
Rio Grande .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Routt .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
San Miguel .....	2	1	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	..
Summit .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Teller .....	2	3	..	2	7	..	1	1	..	2
Washington .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Weld .....	2	2	3	1	8	1	..	2	3	6
Yuma .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4
Total .....	42	24	42	36	144	24	24	30	27	105

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COWAN,  
Superintendent.



APPENDIX



GOLDEN EAGLE, CAPTURED NEAR THE HOME, DECEMBER 17, 1904.

## APPENDIX.

## TO THE PUBLIC.

The object of the State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children is that of giving a home to those who are dependent upon the public for support, maltreated and in environments of vice. All such are eligible and under the State law should be committed by the County Court of the county in which they are living. Very often parents or relatives come to us with their children, expecting to place them in the institution and pay their board, and occasionally a parent or relative asks the privilege of placing a boy with us on account of having lost control of the child.

This is by no means a prison, reformatory or boarding school, but a home, and in every way possible we endeavor to have our children realize the fact. In a short time many of them become desirable for private homes, into which we place them on adoption or indenture.

## HOW TO HAVE CHILDREN COMMITTED.

It is the duty of the county commissioners to petition the county judge to give an order of admission for any child under sixteen years of age who is adjudged dependent upon the public for support, or who is neglected or maltreated, or whose environments are such as to warrant the State assuming guardianship of said child, and is sound in mind and body. The citizens of a certain portion of a county may know of cases which are wholly unknown to the commissioners; it is their duty to inform these officials, to see that the children are brought before them, that an investigation may be made. After the case is presented to the board of county commissioners, at least two of their number should sign the petition to the county judge, who will hear the case pursuant to citation. If the judge commits the child to the Home, it must be examined by the county physician, who shall certify in writing under oath that the child examined by him is of sound mind and has no chronic or contagious disease, and has not been exposed to any contagious disease within fifteen days previous to such examination. A certified copy of this certificate, with a certified copy of the order for admission, *must* accompany the child when brought to the Home.

Parents, guardians or relatives who are giving up their children should fully understand that as soon as they are committed to the State Home for Dependent Children they forfeit all rights over, or to, the custody or service, or earnings of each child, and that they are released from all parental duty. Friends of the parents should see that this portion of the law is explained.

The Colorado Humane Society is now a State bureau of child and animal protection, and it is the duty of said bureau to secure the enforcement of the laws for the prevention of wrongs to children and dumb animals. In communities where there is no representative of the bureau, and there is need of an officer to enforce the law, communicate with Mr. E. K. Whitehead, Secretary of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, Room 30, Capitol building, Denver, Colorado, who will give all worthy cases the most prompt and careful attention.

#### TO APPLICANTS.

We do not wish our children raised in idleness, but we want them placed in good homes, where they will receive a mother's love and a father's tender care, and be taught habits of industry and self-reliance. Many people have a desire to secure a child to do the work of a man or a woman, and thereby save the expense of paying a servant a salary, and the Board has to contend continually with just such applicants. When you have decided to take a child, visit the Home, if possible, that you may select for yourself the child you wish, but do not expect to take it with you. You will be furnished an application blank, which must be properly filled out, signed by husband and wife. The signatures and addresses of two taxpayers, other than relatives, are also necessary as references. After securing the necessary signatures, return the application to the Home, and as soon thereafter as possible the State agent will visit your home and make such investigations as are necessary to satisfy the management of your capability for raising and educating a child. The personal investigation has proven to be the only safe way of deciding the fitness of a home for a child, and even with this precaution, there are mistakes made. The destiny of the child depends upon the home selected for it, and the members of the Board of Control keenly feel the responsibility devolving upon them, and take the greatest care in making their selections.

At the first meeting of the Board after the visit by the State agent, the application is presented for their consideration, and they approve or disapprove, as they see fit. It is their intention to send a child into a home that is mutually suitable, considering intelligence, disposition, modes of living, environments, personal habits, appearance, and all conditions which tend to affect the future of a child. Upon the approval of the Board, the State agent takes the child to your home at the expense of the State. It is allowed to remain sixty days on trial, during which, or at

the expiration of which time, if not satisfactory, you may return it to the Home at your expense, and another may be given a trial. When satisfied with the child it is necessary, at your own expense, to secure adoption or indenture papers and furnish us with a certified copy of the same. The blanks for each will be furnished by the Superintendent. A copy of these contracts may be found in this appendix.

If the applicant can not visit the Home a child will be very carefully selected by the Board and Superintendent, who will give such information regarding its history and that of its parents as they may possess. These selections have been, with a few exceptions, perfectly satisfactory. After knowing the character of the family home and having the thorough acquaintance of our children, the management is well qualified to fit the child to the home and the home to the child. We earnestly request a notice of any removals or changes in address of foster parents. The object of establishing this Home was to care for and educate the children whose parents could not or would not, and, in so doing, make good citizens for the State of Colorado, and under her laws only are we permitted to make adoptions. For these reasons we are compelled to disapprove applications received from neighboring states.

#### THOSE WHO SIGN AS REFERENCES.

If you sign the application of someone who applies for a child, our State agent will call upon you for personal interview, and the Superintendent will send you a blank list of questions which you are requested to kindly fill out and promptly return to him.

If you have only a business acquaintance it is unwise to attach your name to the application. The most important information desired is that regarding the home life and the moral character of the applicants.

The references are understood to be interested in the family applying for the child, and are furthermore interested in his welfare.

The members of the Board of Control consider those who sign as references willing to share the responsibility of placing a child with the applicants to such an extent as to report to the Superintendent any change of address or any ill treatment of the child.

#### TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

We hope every county commissioner, incumbent or elect, may receive a copy of the report, and that he may become so familiar with its contents as to be deeply interested in the children who should be placed here, and in assisting us in securing good family homes for those already in the State Home. Read chapter 26 of the Session Laws of 1895, and especially sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16; also parts first, second and third of section 7. From this it is very evident that you have a prominent part to

perform in looking after the welfare of the children who are neglected, maltreated, and in the environments of vice, as well as those who are dependent on the public for support.

The dependent ones are by no means the dangerous ones, but the greatest danger is to those who are surrounded by vice of every description and those who are so abused as to become firm in the belief that every man is an enemy, and therefore always on the defensive. As long as these children are permitted to remain in such circumstances, crime of the lowest degree will be propagated from year to year. It is therefore due to this commonwealth that all officers and citizens, who in any manner have to do with child saving, be diligent in the performance of their duties, and by so doing advance the greatest remedy for crime, No fee is charged by the State for any child committed. The only expense to the county is that of transportation and court costs.

The children must be brought to us accompanied by a certified copy of the order for admission and the county physician's certificate. The county sending is then fully released from all care and expense unless the child should have to be returned to the county for reasons stated in parts first, second and third of section 7, chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895.

*To the Honorable Judges and the Clerks of the County Court:*

Your attention is respectfully drawn to sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 26, Session Laws of 1895; also to the foot notes on the "petition to commit" and "the order for admission."

The record of each child admitted is kept in the office of the Home. The only reliable source of information is the order for admission. It is, therefore, of the greatest importance that a condensed history, secured from facts related in the petition and from testimony given in court, be set forth in the order.

TO COUNTY VISITORS.

No doubt there are those of your number who are not aware that in section 15, chapter 26, of the Session Laws of 1895, provision is made whereby you may be asked to visit a child which has been placed in your county by the management of the Home. You may think this is asking a great deal, and in some cases it is, but you are not asked to make a visit to relieve someone of his duty or for the purpose of relieving the Superintendent or State agent. The visit is for the good of the child, and it was certainly in the mind of the Legislature to use every means practicable in securing information regarding the treatment of our children during the life of the indenture contract. Residents of the county have a better opportunity of gaining the acquaintance and learning the reputation of foster parents than those who reside in other parts of the State.

You can also greatly assist the county commissioners and humane society by bringing before them children who are dependent,

neglected, maltreated or in evil environments, and who should be committed to our care. We will greatly appreciate any effort you may make to bring this Home to the notice of anyone desiring a child, and thus putting us in touch with them by a visit or correspondence. It is our aim to place all our desirable children in the best homes in Colorado.

APPLICATION FOR A CHILD.

FROM THE STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN,  
2309 SOUTH CLARKSON STREET, DENVER, COLORADO.

....., Colo., .....190..

To the Board of Control:

I hereby make application to have a child of said Home....  
.....(write "indentured" or "adopted")  
to me pursuant to law.

I am a resident of.....  
(if in the country, give township and section; if in the city, give  
street and number) in the county of.....  
My postoffice address is.....  
and my nearest railroad station is.....  
on the ..... R. R..... (state  
distance and direction from R. R. station). I will promptly  
notify your Superintendent of any change I may make in my post-  
office address.

I own the following real estate (if farm land, state whether  
improved or unimproved, and number of acres tillable) :.....  
.....

I rent the following real estate.....  
.....

My occupation or profession is.....  
I have no other income (if you have other income, state it here)  
..... I am.....  
years of age, in.....health, and my nationality is

..... My wife is.....years of age, in  
.....health, and her nationality is.....  
The names and ages of my children living at home are:.....  
.....  
.....

The other members of my household are: (state names and rela-  
tion to you, also the number of hired men and women).....  
.....  
.....

The district school, which is maintained.....months  
each year, and which could be attended.....months in

the year by a child living in my family, is (give number of miles or blocks) .....from my residence.

I am .....(if not a member, insert the word "not")  
a member of .....(denomination) church; my wife is  
.....a member of .....church. We are .....  
(regular or irregular) attendants of .....(denomina-  
tion) church.

I desire a .....(boy or girl), about .....years of  
age .....nationality preferred.

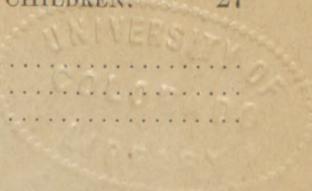
.....  
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(Give name of child, if one has been selected, or a further descrip-  
tion of such a child as you would like.)

My object in taking a child is .....

My wife unites with me in making this application.  
.....  
.....

Husband and wife sign here.

R. R. Station.....  
 Date of visit.....  
 .....Approved .....



COLORADO STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN,  
 2309 SOUTH CLARKSON, DENVER, COLO.

APPLICATION.

By .....  
 For .....  
 (Name of child.)  
 Date....., 190...

TO THE BOARD OF CONTROL:

We, the undersigned taxpayers, after a careful investigation, certify that the within-named applicant is a resident of the place named, where he has a good home, and that he is a proper person to have the care and education of a child. We further certify that he is a person of good moral character; that he is temperate and that he does not sell intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, and that we believe he will properly provide for and educate said child, and will otherwise faithfully execute the contract required. These statements apply fully to husband, wife and their children.

Dated.....190...

Name .....  
 Address .....  
 Name .....  
 Address .....  
 Name .....  
 Address .....



## INDENTURE.

THIS INDENTURE, made this.....day of.....  
 A. D. 190..., by and between the State Home for Dependent and  
 Neglected Children, of the State of Colorado, party of the first  
 part, and.....of.....County of  
 .....and State of Colorado.

WITNESSETH: That, whereas, the party of the first part is the  
 legally appointed guardian of.....under the provisions  
 of an act of the general assembly of the state of Colorado, entitled  
 "An act in relation to the establishment of a State Home for De-  
 pendent and Neglected Children; and making an appropriation  
 therefor;"

NOW, THEREFORE, the party of the first part, for and in consid-  
 eration of the covenants and agreements of the party of the second  
 part, contracts and agrees that said.....is of  
 the age to wit.....years; that.....shall re-  
 main with the party of the second part until.....attains the  
 age of.....years, and that.....will learn the occu-  
 pation of.....

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That said party of the first part may can-  
 cel this agreement whenever it deems the interests of the said  
 child require it.

And the party of the second part hereby covenants and agrees  
 on.....part that.....will educate said child in the public  
 school where.....reside.....at least six months in  
 each year; that.....will teach.....some useful oc-  
 cupation; that.....will kindly and properly treat said  
 child as a member of.....family; and that.....will  
 pay on the termination of this contract, to said party of the first  
 part, for the use and benefit of said child, \$....., or, that.... will  
 pay to said party of the first part, for the use and benefit of said  
 child \$.....per month, beginning with.....sixteenth year;  
 provided, .....is not kept in school after that age.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That said second party reserves the right  
 to cancel this agreement at any time within sixty days from the  
 date of this contract, upon returning said child to said Home, free  
 of expense to said Home.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties aforesaid have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

STATE HOME FOR DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN,

By.....  
President.

Attest:.....

Secretary.

..... (Seal.)

APPROVED this.....day of.....A. D. 190..

.....

County Judge.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION.

State of Colorado, County of.....ss
In the.....Court.....Term, A. D. 190....
To the Hon.....Judge of said court:

Your petitioners,.....
.....of.....in said
county, would respectfully show unto your honor: That they are
residents of said county and inhabitants of this State, and are
desirous of adopting a child so as to render it capable of inher-
iting their estate. That the name of said child is.....,
that it was of the age of.....years on the.....day of
.....last, and is a.....child. And further, that your
petitioners desire the name of said child changed to that of
..... Your petitioners would further show unto
your honor that the said child became an inmate of The State
Home for Dependent and Neglected Children on, to wit, the
.....day of.....190...., by virtue
of an order of the County Court of.....County, the
said Board of Control of which consents to its adoption by said
parties, which consent is annexed hereto, and that it would, there-
fore, be to the interest of said child to become the adopted child
of your petitioners, and that said petitioners are willing and able
to maintain and educate said child properly as their own child.

Your petitioners would, therefore, pray this honorable court
to make an order declaring said child to be the adopted child of
your petitioners, and capable of inheriting their estate, and that
the name of said child be changed to that of.....
.....as provided by the act of the
General Assembly of the State of Colorado, approved March 31,
1895.

State of Colorado, County of....., ss.

.....
the above named petitioners, being duly sworn, depose and say
that the facts contained in the above petition, by.....
subscribed, are true according to the best of.....knowledge,
information and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....
day of.....A. D. 190....

.....
.....

AFFIDAVIT FOR ADOPTION OF CHILD.

State of Colorado,.....County, ss.  
.....of lawful age, being duly sworn, upon his oath, says: That he is Superintendent of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado.

That ....., a..... child of the age of about.....years, was committed to said Home by an order of the Judge of the County Court of..... County. (If the foregoing clause does not apply, state the facts as they exist.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of.....190...  
.....  
.....

CONSENT TO ADOPTION OF CHILD.

The Board of Control of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Colorado, of whose temporary home and asylum a minor.....child of the age of about.....years and under fourteen years, is an inmate, does hereby consent to the adoption of said child by..... and his wife.....in manner and form as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado.

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this.....day of....., 190..

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,  
By.....  
President or Superintendent.

CONSENT OF CHILD, BEING OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO ADOPTION.

I,....., being now an inmate of The State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children, and being at this date over fourteen years of age, do hereby consent to being adopted by..... of the county of....., Colorado, as their child as provided by the laws of Colorado relating to the adoption of children.

CONSENT OF THE COUNTY AGENT OF BOARD OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS OR BOARD OF COUNTY VISITORS.

Consent is hereby given as required by section 8, of chapter 26, of the laws of Colorado, being an act in relation to the establishment of a State Home for Dependent and Neglected Children,

for the adoption of said child in accordance with the laws of Colorado and according to the prayer of the foregoing petition.

.....  
Agent of Board of Charities and Corrections for.....  
County, Colorado.

.....  
.....

By.....  
President of said Board.

DECREE.

State of Colorado, County of . . . . ., ss.  
 In re the petition of . . . . . *and*  
 . . . . . for the adoption of  
 the minor child . . . . .

This cause coming on to be heard this . . . . . day  
 of . . . . ., A. D. 190 . . ., upon the petition of  
 . . . . .  
 and . . . . .  
 duly verified, for the adoption of the minor child heretofore  
 known as . . . . . the said peti-  
 tioners . . . . . and  
 . . . . . appearing in  
 their own proper persons and by . . . . .  
 their attorneys, and the court having read said petition and hav-  
 ing examined upon their oaths the said . . . . .  
 . . . . . and . . . . .  
 and the court being fully satisfied from the testimony submitted  
 herein of the ability of the petitioners to properly rear, educate,  
 support and maintain said child, and it appearing to the court  
 upon the examination of . . . . .  
 the said wife, that she, of her own free will and accord, desires  
 the adoption of said child; and the court being further satisfied  
 of the fitness and propriety of such adoption, and of the willing-  
 ness and wish of said petitioners and each of them to adopt said  
 child as their own; and it further appearing to the court that said  
 child has become an inmate of The State Home for Dependent  
 and Neglected Children, an organization existing under the law  
 of the State of Colorado, on, to wit, . . . . . day of  
 . . . . ., 190 . . ., by being committed to said Home  
 by order of the judge of the County Court of . . . . .  
 county, and it further appearing to the court that consent in writ-  
 ing hath heretofore been given by . . . . .  
 president of said society, to the petitioners herein, for the adop-  
 tion of said child, and the court being now fully advised in the  
 premises.

It is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said  
 minor child heretofore known as . . . . .  
 shall be from this date, to all legal intents and purposes, the child

and legal heir of the petitioners, .....  
.....and.....and that  
the name of said child is hereby changed, altered and declared to  
be.....  
and said child shall be, and is hereby, entitled to all the rights  
and privileges and subject to all legal obligation in respect to said  
petitioners as if to them born in lawful wedlock.

.....  
Judge of the County Court.



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